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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of decadal literacy growth rate achieved as per 2001 census in comparison to 1991 census, gender-wise and State/Union Territory-wise; and

(b) the name of States and Union Territories topping in decadal growth rate as per 2001 census, gender-wise and State/ Union Territory-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A.FATMI)

(a): As per Census 2001, the literacy rate of the country has increased by 12.63% during the last decade. The male literacy has increased by] 1.13% and the female literacy by 14.38%. A statement indicating the literacy rates and decadal difference in literacy rates, gender-wise and state-wise, is enclosed as Annexure-I.

(b): As per 2001 Census, 11 States/Union Territories have recorded a higher overall decadal literacy growth rates above the national average (12.63%), 12 States have recorded higher female literacy growth rate above the national average (14,38%) and 10 States/Union Territories have recorded higher male literacy growth rate above the national average (11.13%) as per details given in the statement at Annexure-II.